

Agency 225

**Washington State Patrol****Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2013-15 Expenditure Authority</b>	2,431.5	66,898	477,677	544,575
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>	2,432.4	74,727	481,354	556,081
Difference	.9	7,829	3,677	11,506
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.0%	11.7%	0.8%	2.1%
<b>Performance Changes</b>				
JINDEX Program #			800	800
WSP Lieutenants Public Employee Benefits Rate		12	61	73
WSP Troopers Public Employee Benefits Rate		67	1,203	1,270
Fund Switch to Match Financial Plan				
Reduce Staffing	(4.5)	(684)		(684)
Reduce Information Technology Support	(2.0)	(364)		(364)
Reduce Deputy State Fire Marshals	(2.0)	(446)		(446)
Reduce Technical Services Bureau Staffing	(1.0)	(150)		(150)
Reduce Investigative Services Staffing	(5.5)	(860)		(860)
Professional and Technical Employees Local 17 Agreement		13	4,885	4,898
Criminal History System Upgrade			3,200	3,200
Breath Test Instrument Replacement			2,039	2,039
Target Zero Team Funding	14.0	92	4,212	4,304
eWarrant System	3.0	172	618	790
Emergency Preservation and Repair			400	400
Academy Asphalt Overlay and Skid Pan			2,350	2,350
Infrastructure Roof Repairs			560	560
Weigh Station Preservation			326	326
Generator Replacement			500	500
Building Exterior Envelope Preservation			150	150
Pavement Preservation			350	350
Energy Efficiency Projects			700	700
Academy Training Tank Preservation			300	300
CTS Rate Adjustment		(6)	(20)	(26)
Archives/Records Management		(1)	(4)	(5)
Legal Services		3	11	14
Office of Chief Information Officer		5	17	22
CTS Central Services		56	198	254
DES Central Services		26	88	114
Core Financial Systems Replacement		27	98	125
Time, Leave and Attendance System		38	136	174
Self-Insurance Liability Premium		(174)	(615)	(789)
State Public Employee Benefits Rate		49	238	287
WSP Troopers' Arbitration Award		908	13,748	14,656
WSP Lieutenants' Arbitration Award		159	921	1,080

## TRANSPORTATION

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
WFSE General Government Master Agreement		1,902	2,731	4,633
Nonrepresented Job Class Specific Increases		4	40	44
WPEA General Government Master Agreement		179	1,175	1,354
The Coalition of Unions Agreement		62	215	277
General Wage Increase for State Employees		260	989	1,249
<b>Subtotal</b>	2.0	1,349	42,620	43,969
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	2,434.4	76,076	523,974	600,050
Difference	2.9	9,178	46,297	55,475
Percent Change from Current Biennium	0.1%	13.7%	9.7%	10.2%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Aerial Highway Traffic Enforcement	18.6	3,666	26,563	30,229
Agency Administration	41.9	3,981	14,818	18,799
Collision Records	10.0	(93)	2,065	1,972
Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement	332.8	2,389	60,315	62,704
Crime Laboratory	175.7	29,137	18,181	47,318
Criminal Records Management	98.8	7,296	20,794	28,090
Executive Protection	42.7	4,200	2,454	6,654
Fire Protection Services	8.6	905	9,051	9,956
Highway Traffic Enforcement and Emergency Operations	1,293.9	10,735	274,710	285,445
Impaired Driving	31.5	188	8,533	8,721
Investigative Assistance for Criminal Enforcement	79.5	5,297	17,028	22,325
Missing Children Recovery	12.4	2,150	360	2,510
Specialized Outreach Fire Services	44.4	1,144	13,408	14,552
Toxicology Laboratory	31.4	193	6,962	7,155
Traffic and Auto Theft Investigation	97.4	2,773	16,223	18,996
Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspection	20.0	(72)	3,492	3,420
Transportation Budget Capital Projects			5,636	5,636
Homeland Security	95.2	2,187	23,381	25,568
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>	2,434.4	76,076	523,974	600,050

## PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

### JINDEX Program #

The collision records fee is increased by \$6 per record to fund the Justice Information Data Exchange (JINDEX). The E-Trip Governance Committee will administer the program and work with the Department of Enterprise Services to find ways to make the JINDEX more efficient and less expensive in fiscal year 2017. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### WSP Lieutenants Public Employee Benefits Rate

This provides funding for employee insurance for represented employees who are not part of the coalition bargaining health insurance. (General Fund-State, State Patrol Highway Account-State, State Patrol Highway Account-Federal)

### **WSP Troopers Public Employee Benefits Rate**

This provides funding for employee insurance for represented employees who are not part of the coalition bargaining health insurance. (General Fund-State, General Fund-Private/Local, Vehicle License Fraud Account-State, State Patrol Highway Account-State, State Patrol Highway Account-Private/Local, Highway Safety Account-State)

### **Fund Switch to Match Financial Plan**

Expenditure authority is moved from the Highway Safety Account to the State Patrol Highway Account to match the financial plan. (Highway Safety Account-State, State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### **Reduce Staffing**

The State Patrol continues to have a significant vacancy rate in its Field Operations and Commercial Vehicle Enforcement bureaus. Reducing funding for 4.5 vacant FTE staff positions will achieve savings.

### **Reduce Information Technology Support**

The Information Technology Division (ITD) at the Washington State Patrol provides network support for mission critical systems. The ITD currently has 14 vacant positions, which has led to some tasks being delayed in order to cover high priority needs. Eliminating two technical positions that are currently vacant will achieve savings.

### **Reduce Deputy State Fire Marshals**

The Washington State Patrol's Fire Protection Bureau is responsible for providing fire and life safety inspections and training in licensed nursing homes, assisted living facilities, group homes, hospitals, and childcare centers. Eliminating two Deputy State Fire Marshal Inspector positions will achieve General Fund-State savings and potentially extend the inspection cycle of adult family homes from 12 to 18 months.

### **Reduce Technical Services Bureau Staffing**

The Technical Services Bureau Vancouver detachment has 17.5 funded Communications Officers, and two of the positions are currently vacant. Removing funding for one of the vacant positions will result in savings.

### **Reduce Investigative Services Staffing**

The Investigative Services Bureau (ISB) consists of six divisions and provides administrative and support services to the traffic and investigative programs of the department, as well as to many other state agencies. Savings will be achieved by eliminating 2.5 vacant FTE staff positions in Vessel and Terminal Security; one sergeant position in the Vehicle Identification Number program; one technical surveillance specialist trooper detective position in the Narcotics section, and one vacant fiscal technician analyst position in Background Checks.

### **Professional and Technical Employees Local 17 Agreement**

Funding is provided for a collective bargaining agreement with Professional and Technical Employees (PTE) Local 17, which includes a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 1.8 percent for all employees who earn \$2,500 a month or more, effective July 1, 2016; a general wage increase of 1 percent plus a \$20 per month increase for all employees who earn less than \$2,500 per month, effective July 1, 2016; targeted salary adjustments for the Washington State Patrol commercial vehicle enforcement series and communications officers; and employee insurance. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Criminal History System Upgrade**

The Washington State Patrol is the business owner of the Washington State Identification System and Washington Crime Information Center, collectively known as W2. These systems are critical for storing and sharing criminal justice information within Washington State and with other states, federal agencies, and other countries. The W2 is written in aged and obsolete programming languages which are no longer supported by most vendors or adaptable to current computer operating systems. This item, along with a reappropriation of funds in the 2013-15 budget, covers the estimated costs of system replacement. (Fingerprint Identification Account-State)

### **Breath Test Instrument Replacement**

The Washington State Patrol is the business owner of all court-admissible evidential breath test instruments. The instruments are critical for all law enforcement agencies to collect evidence of breath alcohol levels of those under arrest for impaired driving offenses in Washington State. The instruments currently in use are no longer being manufactured and parts are becoming difficult to obtain. As instruments become unserviceable, they cannot be replaced. Funding is provided to purchase 200 evidential breath test instruments and begin a phased-in replacement across the state.

### **Target Zero Team Funding**

Funding is provided to continue the Target Zero teams in Spokane and Yakima counties that had been funded with a grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission that will expire in June 2015. (State Patrol Highway Account-State, General Fund-State)

### **eWarrant System**

The new eWarrant project requires system infrastructure and staff resources to provide statewide support to the Electronic Law Enforcement Interface for Acquisition of Search Warrants system (ELIAS) being developed in partnership with the Washington Traffic Safety Commission. The system will provide a standardized web-based portal for officers, prosecutors, and judges in Washington state to develop, review, serve, and file electronic blood search warrants. The system's initial scope will focus on blood warrants; however, it is anticipated the project will expand to accommodate additional warrant types in the future. There is a potential for time savings as officers will not have to travel to a judge's residence or to the court to acquire a signature on a warrant. It will also save time currently spent locating a judge, writing a request, faxing a warrant and receiving a fax back. Initial development is underway, and the system is expected to be piloted from December 1, 2014, through April 2015. After this pilot, the Washington State Patrol will assume responsibility for the maintenance and support functions for all statewide users upon implementation.

### **Emergency Preservation and Repair**

The agency owns buildings with floor space totaling approximately 583,300 square feet, the oldest of which was built in 1948. The average age of WSP-owned facilities is 31 years. This item provides funding to provide for emergency repairs. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### **Academy Asphalt Overlay and Skid Pan**

The Emergency Vehicle Operation Course consists of 2.7 miles of paved track surface designed to present students with a variety of experiences in operating a police vehicle, including high speed driving and curve negotiation. The traveled surface of the upper drive course is at the end of its useful life. Funding is provided to repair selected areas of the lower course and provide improvements to the skills course. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### **Infrastructure Roof Repairs**

The membrane roofs on the Shelton Academy Multi-Purpose Building, Tacoma District Office/VIN Building, Kennewick Detachment, Ridgefield Point of Entry, Plymouth Point of Entry, and Plymouth Weigh Station are past useful lifecycles and require replacement. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### **Weigh Station Preservation**

Several WSP weigh stations have been identified as failing to maintain calibration and are at risk of not meeting annual certification requirements. Further, existing weighing surfaces lack adequate capacity to accurately, effectively and efficiently weigh multiple axle configurations. This item replaces outdated scales at Vernita and Goldendale with larger weighing systems and completes an engineering study to support future development at Home Valley. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### **Generator Replacement**

The WSP maintains 84 generators throughout the state that are critical to support operations and communication. The Marysville generator is 23 years old and in need of replacement. In addition, based on age and frequency of maintenance records, there are four other mountaintop radio sites that require replacement to provide critical continuous power. This item replaces existing generators at the following locations: Baw Faw, Gardner, Marysville, Pilot Rock and Ridpath. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### **Building Exterior Envelope Preservation**

The WSP owns several buildings that are in need of exterior painting and caulking. These include the Tacoma District Office, the Yakima District Office and the Bow Hill Weigh Station. Delaying these repairs will allow water to continue to penetrate the exterior substrate resulting in additional damage. Funding is provided to repaint and caulk the exterior envelopes of these three buildings. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### **Pavement Preservation**

Driveways and parking areas at two WSP facilities, the Wenatchee District Office and the Spokane District Office, have reached the end of their useful lives and are in need of repair or replacement. This item provides for the removal and replacement of the asphalt pavement at these properties. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### **Energy Efficiency Projects**

RCW 70.235.020 mandates the reduction of greenhouse gases. To meet this requirement, WSP has identified several reduction strategies that will need to be integrated over time based upon funding and staffing. This plan includes energy upgrades at two district offices and two detachments. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### **Academy Training Tank Preservation**

The Shelton Academy training tank was put into service in 1989 and continues to provide an environment for a variety of agencies to train on water rescue, searches, and underwater inspections. As a 25-year-old system, several major components are approaching obsolescence and/or failure and need to be replaced. Funding is provided to repair the tank surrounds, repaint and caulk the tank interior, and replace mechanical equipment as required to restore function and reduce future maintenance and energy expenses. (State Patrol Highway Account-State)

### **CTS Rate Adjustment**

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect changes in Consolidated Technology Services (CTS) rates. Specific changes include a reduction in metered storage rates and elimination of tailored storage rates, elimination of redundant firewalls, reduction in long distance telephone rates, a general rate reduction to reflect administrative efficiencies within CTS, and enhancements to the identity management service.

### **Archives/Records Management**

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges and to reflect a 10 percent reduction in the number of boxes submitted for records storage.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Legal Services**

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges and to reflect a reduction in legal service charges. The Attorney General's Office (AGO) will work with client agencies to implement stricter policies and best practices regarding utilization of its services to achieve lower legal bills.

### **Office of Chief Information Officer**

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges and to reflect increased billing levels for software subscriptions and office relocation.

### **CTS Central Services**

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges from Consolidated Technology Services (CTS) to reflect an increase in business continuity/disaster recovery costs and a new allocated charge for state data network costs.

### **DES Central Services**

Agency budgets are adjusted to update each agency's allocated share of charges and to align with anticipated billing levels from the Department of Enterprise Services (DES) in the 2015-17 biennium, including changes to the enterprise systems fee, personnel services, and small agency financial services.

### **Core Financial Systems Replacement**

Agency budgets are adjusted to align with anticipated billings from the Office of Financial Management in the 2015-17 biennium for core financial systems replacement planning through the One Washington project.

### **Time, Leave and Attendance System**

Agency budgets are adjusted to align with anticipated billings for the Time, Leave and Attendance system, including debt service and project completion costs.

### **Self-Insurance Liability Premium**

Agency budgets are adjusted to reflect updated premium rates and a reduction in billings for the 2015-17 biennium.

### **State Public Employee Benefits Rate**

Health insurance funding is provided for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. Insurance for employees covered by the health insurance coalition is included in funding for their respective collective bargaining agreements. The insurance funding rate is \$913 per employee per month for Fiscal Year 2016 and \$947 per employee per month for Fiscal Year 2017. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

### **WSP Troopers' Arbitration Award**

Funding is provided for an arbitration award with Washington State Patrol (WSP) Troopers Association, which includes a general wage increase of 7 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2016; and an additional 3 percent specialty pay for Breath Alcohol Concentration Technicians. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

### **WSP Lieutenants' Arbitration Award**

Funding is provided for an arbitration award with Washington State Patrol (WSP) Lieutenants' Association, which includes a general wage increase of 5 percent in each fiscal year of the agreement and a \$100 increase in the annual clothing allowance for specified classifications. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

**WFSE General Government Master Agreement**

Funding is provided for a collective bargaining agreement with Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE), which includes a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 1.8 percent for all employees who earn \$2,500 a month or more, effective July 1, 2016; a general wage increase of 1 percent plus a \$20 per month increase for all employees who earn less than \$2,500 per month, effective July 1, 2016; salary adjustments for targeted classifications; hazard pay for designated night crews; assignment pay in designated areas; and employee insurance. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

**Nonrepresented Job Class Specific Increases**

Funding is provided for classified state employees who are not represented by a union for pay increases in specific job classes in alignment with other employees. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

**WPEA General Government Master Agreement**

Funding is provided for a collective bargaining agreement with Washington Public Employees Association (WPEA), which includes a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 1.8 percent for all employees who earn \$2,500 a month or more, effective July 1, 2016; a general wage increase of 1 percent plus a \$20 per month increase for all employees who earn less than \$2,500 per month, effective July 1, 2016; salary adjustments for targeted classifications; an additional in-service day for the Washington State School for the Blind and Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss; and employee insurance. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

**The Coalition of Unions Agreement**

Funding is provided for a collective bargaining agreement with The Coalition of Unions, which includes a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 1.8 percent for all employees who earn \$2,500 a month or more, effective July 1, 2016; a general wage increase of 1 percent plus a \$20 per month increase for all employees who earn less than \$2,500 per month, effective July 1, 2016; annual payments for physicians and psychiatrists with board certifications; salary adjustments for targeted classifications; and employee insurance. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

**General Wage Increase for State Employees**

Funding is provided for wage increases for state employees who are not represented by a union or who are covered by a bargaining agreement that is not subject to financial feasibility determination. It is sufficient for a general wage increase of 3 percent, effective July 1, 2015; a general wage increase of 1.8 percent for employees who earn \$2,500 a month or more, effective July 1, 2016; and a general wage increase of 1 percent plus a \$20 per month increase for employees who earn less than \$2,500 per month, effective July 1, 2016. This item includes both higher education and general government workers. (General Fund-State, various other accounts)

**ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS****Aerial Highway Traffic Enforcement**

Pilots in the Aviation Section provide a rapid air response to citizen reports of possible drunk drivers and conduct proactive aerial traffic enforcement patrols to locate, track, and coordinate the apprehension of impaired, reckless, and aggressive drivers in support of Target Zero goals. Pilots also provide assistance to agency staff and local jurisdictions with drug enforcement, search and rescue, homeland security, natural disasters, and aerial surveillance. The section facilitates the transport of donor organs and blood supplies in medical emergencies. The section also provides air transportation for the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Agency Administration**

The Agency Administration activity includes the Office of the Chief, Government and Media Relations, the Office of Professional Standards, and Evidence and Records Management. In addition, this activity includes the staff costs for each bureau director and executive assistant, as well as centralized photography, word processing, and mail services. This activity represents those management activities that guide the entire agency in achieving its public safety mission.

### **Collision Records**

The Collision Records Section is the repository for statewide officer and civilian collision reports, compiling statistical data for the Washington State departments of Transportation and Licensing. The section provides copies of the Police Traffic Collision Report and the Vehicle Collision Report to eligible persons, upon application and submission of a non-refundable fee to process the application.

### **Commercial Vehicle Safety Enforcement**

This activity includes the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Section, Motor Carrier Safety Assistance and New Entrants Programs, School Bus Inspection Program, Compliance and Review Section, Tow Truck Inspection Unit, and Equipment and Standards Review. These programs promote the safe travel of commercial vehicles and school buses on Washington State highways through education, technical assistance, and enforcement activities. This activity also includes participation on the Fuel Tax Evasion Task Force, which works to educate the public and industry on the fuel tax laws; investigates suspected fuel tax evasion; and pursues prosecution of fuel tax evaders.

### **Crime Laboratory**

The Washington State Patrol Crime Laboratory Division operates full-service crime laboratories in Seattle, Tacoma, Marysville, Spokane, Vancouver, and limited-service crime laboratories in Kennewick, Tumwater and the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) Laboratory in Seattle. The laboratories provide forensic services for criminal justice agencies within the state and are accredited through the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD). Forensic laboratory services include biochemistry of body fluids; examination of firearms/toolmarks; microanalysis of trace evidence; analysis of physical evidence; chemical analysis of evidence and controlled substances; examination of questioned documents; latent fingerprint identification; crime scene assistance; clandestine laboratory assistance; and training for criminal justice agencies.

### **Criminal Records Management**

This activity includes the management and operation of the statewide law enforcement telecommunications system, A Central Computerized Enforcement Service System (ACCESS), and the Washington Crime Information Center (WACIC). ACCESS provides telecommunications linkage to law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and associated state databases. It allows contact with agencies nationwide through the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System and access to National Crime Information Center files. The WACIC is a computerized database of stolen property, wanted persons, missing persons, and other information of interest to law enforcement officers and criminal justice agencies throughout the state. The Identification and Criminal History Section is the repository for statewide fingerprint-based criminal history record information and sex/kidnapping offender registration. Other services include technical fingerprint assistance and help in identifying unknown persons.

### **Executive Protection**

This activity provides security for the Governor, the Governor's family, and under limited circumstances, the Lieutenant Governor. Executive Protection personnel also provide law enforcement and visitor security services at the Capitol Campus. Executive Services Section staff also provide protection and services for the Department of Labor and Industries.



### **Fire Protection Services**

This activity includes administration of the Fire Protection Bureau and the All Risk Mobilization program. Per statute, the Fire Protection Bureau has the critical responsibility to prevent the loss of life and property for the citizens across the state. Primary activities include providing critical response resources to local jurisdictions facing extraordinary emergency incidents such as wildland fires; developing, managing and updating the Mobilization Plan (Plan); and implementing the Plan during large scale emergencies. Implementing the Plan includes receiving, reviewing and authorizing requests for mobilization, coordinating the dispatch of resources, tracking the use of resources for payments, making the payments, and auditing the payments to ensure all funds were used appropriately. Plan implementation also requires selected personnel to be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Highway Traffic Enforcement and Emergency Operations**

Highway Traffic Enforcement includes field force commissioned officers who patrol state highways in eight districts across Washington State. Troopers are responsible for enforcing traffic laws, investigating collisions, assisting motorists, and providing a safe motoring environment on over 17,500 miles of state highway. This activity also includes oversight of the Aviation Section, Canine Unit, Explosives Unit and the Washington State Patrol Honor Guard.

### **Impaired Driving**

The Impaired Driving activity includes the Breath Test and Drug Evaluation and Classification Programs of the Washington State Patrol. The Breath Test Program manages and maintains all evidentiary breath-testing instruments in the state and provides all re-certification training. The section provides statistical data and analysis related to driving under the influence (DUI) enforcement and provides expert witness testimony on the breath alcohol testing program. Drug recognition experts in the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program are trained to recognize the symptoms of intoxication for seven different categories of drugs, using a 12-step standardized process to identify drug impairment. The State Patrol provides specialized training in these skills to troopers and officers from local law enforcement agencies.

### **Investigative Assistance for Criminal Enforcement**

The Investigative Assistance Division provides investigative coordination, support, and training that fosters a collaborative response to criminal activity in Washington State. The Narcotics Section provides ongoing drug investigation training for the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission and local clandestine laboratory teams, monitoring the progress of federally-funded task forces throughout the state. The Special Weapons and Tactics Team (SWAT) responds to tactical incidents and clandestine drug labs with highly trained personnel who execute search warrants, arrest suspects, and process evidence for criminal prosecution. The Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) provides assistance to criminal justice agencies with complex criminal investigations, as well as training to troopers, sergeants, and local law enforcement agencies on gang enforcement and trends. The Computer Forensics Unit provides technical support and training to criminal justice agencies, and recovers relevant evidence that may exist on computer hard drives and other storage media for use in related criminal and internal investigations.

### **Missing Children Recovery**

This activity includes the management and operation of the Missing and Exploited Children Task Force, a multi-agency task force that assists law enforcement, state and federal agencies, and custodial parents or guardians by conducting investigations on missing, abducted, and exploited children through referrals, on-site assistance, case management, and training. The Missing Children Clearinghouse coordinates the exchange of information among law enforcement agencies, citizens, schools, the Department of Social and Health Services, and other interested groups regarding the location and return of missing children. The Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit maintains dental data and other descriptive data on persons reported missing for longer than 30 days and unidentified human remains.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **Specialized Outreach Fire Services**

This activity is directed by statute to provide critical fire and life safety programs to prevent the loss of life and property. Activities include delivery of regular and specialized fire service training and certification at the state Fire Training Academy in North Bend as well as training sites across the state. Funding is provided to local jurisdictions to assist with the cost of basic firefighter training. Additional activities include licensing and certifying the fire sprinkler, fireworks and cigarette industries, and conducting appropriate enforcement action; conducting life safety inspections of hospitals, nursing homes, group homes, boarding homes, and child daycare centers; and providing hazardous materials response training and technical assistance to the public and other state agencies.

### **Toxicology Laboratory**

The Washington State Toxicology Laboratory performs drug and alcohol testing for all coroners, medical examiners, police agencies, prosecuting attorneys, and the Liquor Control Board. The laboratory receives over 8,000 cases each year, of which approximately half are police cases involving driving under the influence (DUI), sexual assaults, and death investigations. The other half is coroner/medical examiner casework that supports counties. Each toxicologist tests about 1,000 samples each year and spends one to two days each week in court testifying in DUI-related cases.

### **Traffic and Auto Theft Investigation**

The Criminal Investigation Division conducts investigations into vehicular homicides, vehicular assaults, felony hit-and-run, auto thefts, crimes on the Capitol Campus, and threats against elected officials. It provides investigative follow-up to all felony crimes discovered by uniformed line troopers, allowing troopers to return to their primary traffic enforcement duties. The Washington State Patrol Crime Scene Response Team is a joint effort of the Crime Laboratory Division, the Criminal Investigation Division, and the Identification Section, providing comprehensive investigative services at crime scenes at the request of any law enforcement agency in the state.

### **Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Inspection**

Staff in the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) Section conduct physical inspections on vehicles that have been rebuilt after being destroyed or declared a total loss by an insurance company. The section also performs physical inspections as required on vehicles reported stolen, homemade vehicles, vehicles without a proper VIN, or in any VIN discrepancy.

### **Transportation Budget Capital Projects**

The State Patrol operates facilities that are constructed and maintained with funds appropriated from the Transportation Budget. These facilities include district and detachment offices, commercial vehicle weighing and inspection stations, communications centers, microwave and radio tower sites, and a training facility.

### **Homeland Security**

The Homeland Security Division provides enhanced security for state ferries and terminals in Washington. A security plan was developed by the Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to comply with the U.S. Coast Guard Security Level 1 and 2 regulatory requirements. In order to meet concerns associated with possible terrorist activities on state ferries and to comply with the WSDOT security plan, the WSP deploys explosive detection canine and handler teams and provides electronic surveillance of public access areas in vessels and terminals.